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SUBJ: ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF IMPROVED MEXICAN
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY

1. CONCERNED THAT MEXICO, AND THE LDC'S IN GENERAL, ARE BECOMING COMPLACENT ABOUT RELIANCE ON FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY AND UNCONCERNED ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL CAPABILITY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MEXICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, LIC. GERARDO BUENO TVRION, WARNED THAT "(IN THE PAST) ACTIVITIES OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE) CONSTITUTED A LUXURY AND, WORSE, THAT TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES GENERATED IN OTHER COUNTRIES COULD BE EASILY TRANSFERRED TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND ADOPTED TO OUR OWN NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES." ON THE CONTRARY, LIC. BUENO EMPHASIZED, IN SPEECH TO MEXICAN UNION OF ASSOCIATED ENGINEERS (UMAI) MEXICO MUST CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPING ITS OWN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, ONE SUITED TO MEXICO'S OWN NEEDS, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF WORLDWIDE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

2. IN THIS REGARD, LIC. BUENO REVEALED THSSDEPARTMENTS OF TREASURY, PRESIDENCY, AND NATIONAL PROPERTIES WOULD TOGETHER WORK UP A PROGRAM OF PUBLIC FINANCING OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EFFORTS FOR 1976. HE
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FURTHER COMMENTED THIS ADDITIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT WOULD

BE GIVEN SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES AT ALL LEVELS OF
EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY UNIVERSITY LEVEL.

3. COMMENT: LIC. BUENO'S CALL FOR AN INCREASED NATIONAL
CAPABILITY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS CONSISTENT WITH
THE ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION'S DRIVE FOR SELF-RELIANCE
AND DEMANDS FOR IMPROVING TERMS FOR THE TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY.

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